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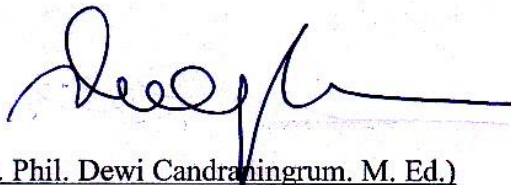
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Abstract

This research intends to describe about Will Grayson a gay is depressed in Will Grayson, Will Grayson novel by John Green and David Levithan. The objective of the study is to analyze this novel based on queer theory. The reseacher used two data sources: primary data and secondary data. The primary data source of the study is Will Grayson, Will Grayson novel by John Green and David Levithan. Secondary data are supporting data taken from literary books, and some articles related to the novel. The secondary data of the study are taken from information related to the novel. The method of data collection is descriptive qualitative research based on queer theory. Based on the analysis, the reseacher gets some conclusions. This reseach shows that the problem by the major characters is gay. This novel tells about Will Grayson a gay is depressed who are fallen in love with cyber gay named Isacc. Will Grayson knows that Isaac just the pseudonym of Maura, so Will Grayson stop contact Isacc. Will Grayson meets Tiny Cooper and Will falls in love with Tiny Cooper is the most gay.

Keyword: Will Grayson, Will Grayson, Gay, Depresi, Queer Theory

Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendiskripsikan tentang Will Grayson seorang gay yang mengalami depresi dalam novel Will Grayson, Will Grayson karya John Green dan David Levithan. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis novel berdasarkan teori queer. Penulis menggunakan dua sumber data: primer dan skunder. Penelitian ini menggunakan novel Will Grayson, Will Grayson karya John Green dan David Levithan sebagai sumber data primer. Data sekunder adalah data pendukung yang diambil dari buku-buku kesastraan, dan beberapa artikel yang berhubungan dengan novel. Penelitian ini adalah penelitian deskriptif kualitatif yang dilakukan dibawah kerangka teori queer. Berdasarkan analisis, penulis memperoleh hasil akhir. Penelitian in menunjukkan bahwa permasalahan tokoh utama adalah tentang gay. Novel ini bercerita tentang Will Grayson seorang gay yang mengalami depresi yang jatuh cinta dengan cyber gay yang bernama Isacc. Will Grayson mengetahui bahwa Isacc hanya nama samaran dari Maura, jadi Will Grayson berhenti menghubungi Isacc. Will Grayson jatuh cinta dengan Tiny Cooper orang paling gay.

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1. INTRODUCTION

According to Butler (1990) queer is an approach that challenges dominant, social behaviour, and sexual identity, based on heteronormative, binary opposites; gay/straight, male/female, masculine/feminine.

Gay is used generally to describe a man who is sexually attracted to other man and shows the community that develops among people who have the same sexual orientation. Carol (2005) stated that sexual orientation is an attraction to a person on a particular gender are emotionally, physically, sexually, and love. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel was written by John Green and David Levithan published in April 6, 2010. The story is narrated by two boys named will Grayson with having written all of the chapters for one and David Levithan having written the chapter for the other (Green & Levithan, 2010).

The blurb features the exact moment where Will Grayson 1 meets Will Grayson 2 latter on in the novel. Both are shocked and suprised for the same name. The homosexual Will Grayson 2 is quiet, and shy, and recultant to respon to the more brooding, masculine heterosexual Will Grayson 1. The first Will Grayson is Tiny Cooper's best friend, a homosexual football player. The other Will Grayson is angry about everything, at all times. Things changes when Will Grayson meets Tiny Cooper, his whole life changes. Will Grayson falls in love (Green & Levithan, 2010)

This research focuses on the study to describe *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel (2010) based on structural element of the novel, queer and also to analyze how gay reflected in *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* (2010) based on Queer Theory.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

In analyzing *Will Grayson, Will Gryason* novel by John Green and David Levithan (2010) the reseacher uses qualitative research. The researcher does not use calculation. The researcher classifies her research into

qualitative research because the research does not need a statistic data to analyze and explore the facts. Type of data in this research is textual data. It consists of words, phrases and sentences. The primary data source is the novel itself. The secondary data source is about behaviorist and all relevant materials in the novel. The techniques of data collection that the writer used are reading and understanding *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel as well as the secondary data source from the other books, identifying data that can be analyzed, classifying data into some categories, determining the theory of literature which is relevant for analyzing the data, and searching the other reference that can be used to analyze the data. The literary review of the study is of Fadillah Khusnul Khotimah under the title Transgenderism A Queer Theoretical Study Okky Mandasari's Bound Novel 2014. The object of the study is to analyze how gay in *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel by John Green and David Levithan (2010): Queer Theory. The analysis is begins with the structural elements of the work and finally the queer. The steps of analyzing the data are as follows: first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements and second is analyzing the data based on the queer analysis.

3. RESEARCH FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The researcher draws the result of this research as follows: In *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel by John Green and David Levithan about gay. The researcher analyzes *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* novel by John Green and David Levithan using queer theory. Queer denotes not an identity as such but the taking of a critical distance from the identity-based categories of modern sexuality-in particular a distance from the identity politics central to traditional understandings of the lesbian and gay communities. Queer is a term for sexual and gender minorities such as heterosexual. Rubin (1993, 19) states that queer studies of issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity that focusing on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) people and cultures. The main issue is about

gay that has been dealing with the major character in this story. Based on the story, Tiny Cooper is not the world's largest person, but Will believes he maybe the world's largest person who is really gay, and also the world's gayest person who is really large. Tiny has been my best friend since fifth grade, except for all last semester, when Tiny was busy having an actual honest-to-God Group of Friends for the first time in his life, who ended up never talking to Will again due to two slight transgressions.

John Green and David Levithan's *Will Grayson Will Grayson* novel is one of the literary works that is related with the queer. According to the story *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel the homosexual of Will Grayson 2 is quiet, shy, and reluctant to respond to the more brooding. This exact scene can be dissected to understand the fear and anxiety that LGBT-identifying youth face in high school, on an almost-daily basis. Will Grayson 2 is depressed homosexual teenager, because his experience with his father left him and his mother from he was kid. So he was depression and to be a gay. He like Isaac, a gay teen he met online, but Isaac is does not exist. He was just a girl. Maura is Isaac. Will Grayson 2 like Tiny Cooper too.

In *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel explains about sexual identities and practices especially trans-sexuality. Trans-sexuality can cause someone to have a gay or lesbian behaviour in their inner. And they tend to like the same sex. Will Grayson and Tiny Cooper are a trans-sexuality. Tiny hug Will Grayson 2. Imagine being hugged by a sofa, that's what it feels like. Tiny also kissed Will Grayson. He sleeps with Will in his bedroom. He feels happy if he being a gay, he enjoy it.

The issue of Will Grayson, *Will Grayson* novel by John Green and David Levithan is gay. Gay is used generally to describe a man who is sexually attracted to other man and shows the community that developed among people who have the same sexual orientation. *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel shows about gay clearly. It tells about someone that has been depressed about his life. His name is Will Grayson. He becomes a

gay and he likes with the same gender. Will Grayson likes his cyber-gay friend, Isaac. He is depressed because his father left her mother and him. According to this story, Will and Tiny coming dangerously close to the conversations he would have with Maura, when Maura would say she knew exactly what he was going through, and he would have to explain that, no, Maura didn't, because her sadness never went as deep as mine. Will had no doubt that Tiny thought he got depressed, but that was probably because he had nothing to compare it. Still, what could he say? That Will didn't just feel depressed-instead, it was like the depression was the core of him, of every part of him, from his mind to his bones. That if Will got blue, he got black, that he hated those pills so much, because he knew how much he relied on them to live.

Will Grayson joins with Gay Straight Alliance or GSA. It is the group of many people that have the gay identity. They likes with the same gender. And they struggle their rights as the gay in their society. Will Grayson left Mr. Jones's physic class in the middle of lab. He never notice him. He set, he told Lizzie the truth that his boyfriend is sneaking into the school to meet him and Maura becomes his accomplice, because even if she wouldn't ordinarily do it for him, she'll definitely do it for LOVE. To be perfectly honest, Will Grayson felt it last semester when he went off to become the GSA president and he fell into the Group of Friends. Probably that's why he wrote the letter to the editor and signed it. Not because he wanted the school to know he would written it, because he wanted Tiny to know.

Based on Bell and Weinberg's classifies the types of gay there are close-Couple, open couple, functional, dysfunctional and asexual. Will Grayson can be categorized as the Close-Couple types. He lives with his partner and do the same activities with his heterosexual partner. He also has few problems, few sexual partners, and also lower frequencies in searching of a sex partner

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Based on the socio-cultural approach, David Sonenschein (in Hogan, 1980) identifies six types of relations socio sexual on gays. As for the type description: Permanent Socio Relationship, on the form this relationship, there is no existence of sexual activities. Individuals will explain themselves as "friend or close friend" in which friendship is guarded from time to time. Non-permanent Socio Relationship, on the form this relationship, individuals declaring themselves as good friends, but outside groups (clique) no contacts continued. Genital sexual intercourse is very rare on the form this relationship. Permanent Sexual Relationship, permanent sexual relationship includes the "maintained" and the relationship is based on the nature of the materialistic. Sexual and emotional involvement with a partner is not too deep and nature. The form of this relationship may include an individual who is younger "maintained" by older individuals, who have the wealth that expect permanent in the relationships. The form of this relationship is very unstable and possibility for occurrence of infidelity by younger

individuals. Non-permanent Sexual Relationships, non-permanent sexual relationship “one night stand” is a type of relationship that is most often the case. The individual will perform sexual intercourse with a person who is not familiar with them and their main purpose is merely sexual activity and orgasm. Promiscuous behavior it can be caused due to factors such as psychodynamic evasion against commitments such as interpersonal intimacy and responsibility as well as the sociological factor. Permanent socio sexual Relationship, the literature shows that psychology has a sexual partner who mains a goal of the most widely owned in the many gay. Along with increasing age (around 30 years) find a partner is very important. This relationship is based on the concept of love, not just sexual. Start sharing and individual and equalize the values and interests of each. Non-permanent socio sexual relationship, in this type of relationship, the individual identifies himself as a “friend” but also as a potential sexual partner. Different non-permanent sexual relationship where sexual activity occurs first before sexual, whereas in non-permanent socio sexual relationship, social interaction happens first before sexual activity.

The development of someone to be a gay. One of model theory to try explains the development of someone to be gay. The development stages are: 1) the awareness of the existence of an interest in sex, between ages 8-11 years. 2) same-sex sexual behavior, between 12-15 years. 3) Identification as gay or lesbian, between ages 15-18 years. 4) Proximity to sex, between 18-19 years. 5) same-sex romantic relationship development between the ages of 18-20 years. However, this model could not accurately reflections the experience that may be experienced by homosexual. Based on the development stages Will included third stages that are identification as gay or lesbian.

Based on the six types of relations socio sexual on gays, *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* belongings to permanent socio relationship. Because Will and Tiny become a close-friend time to the time and also out of the GSA group.

4. CONCLUSION

After analyzing the story of *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel by John Green and David Levithan, the researcher will conclude the queer that influence the major characters.

In *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel, it is a very interested named Will Grayson. The novel told about gay, love, and depression. Green and Levithan tells about major and minor character that suffer a gay/straight. Will Grayson 2 is angry about everything. At all times. Will is not entirely sure why he is angry. Things change when Will Grayson meets Will Grayson in Chicago. When Will Grayson meets Tiny Cooper, his whole life changes. Will Grayson 2 fall in love with Tiny Cooper. The ending of the novel both Will Grayson struggle with their relationships as well as self-acceptance. The culmination of the story settles these issues as both Will Grayson discover the truth about themselves at the premiere of Tiny's musical "hold me closer". It is point that Will Grayson realize that their lives Will Grayson never be the same. The researcher conclude that every people never be the same.

After analyzing the whole of *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel in detail and analyzing all the fact of the main character's gay phenomenon, the researcher comes to the conclusion as follows; first, the structural analysis of *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel involves the character and characterization, where it consist of Will Grayson 1, Will Grayson 2 the as a major character and the minor character are Tiny Cooper, Jane, Maura, Will Grayson 1's dad, Will Grayson 1's mom, Will Grayson 2's mom, Gideon, Gary, Nick. The themes of the novel are the main characters' Will Grayson 1 about music and Will Grayson 2 about depression person and gay. Setting in *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* novel is distinguished into two; setting of place and setting of time. In this novel John Green and David Levithan uses traditional plots. The novel of *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan as a main instrument uses the first person point of view. The style consists of grammatical and non-

grammatical structure, sentence construction, diction, and consist of figurative language such as hyperbole, metaphor, simile, personification.

Second, based on gay analysis the researcher concludes that Will experiences some types of a gay. There are types of gay and classifies into 5 groups close-open couple, open couple, functional, dysfunctional, and asexual. Will Grayson can be categorized as the Close-Couple types. He lives with his partner and does the same activities with his heterosexual partner. He also has few problems, few sexual partners, and also lower frequencies in searching of a sex partner.

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